

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NIGERIA SHOULD WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to share with my colleagues a situation that has been brought to my attention.

President Obasanjo of Nigeria promised several years ago to withdraw his troops from the Bakassi Peninsula in The Republic of Cameroon. It has not yet been done. As the President of the African Union, Obasanjo has an obligation to set an example for the rest of the African nations.

President Obasanjo should withdraw Nigerian troops from the Bakassi Peninsula and return the Bakassi Peninsula to the Republic of Cameroon.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RAY MARBLE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and colleague who will retire on June 10 after years of service to the federal government and the Idaho National Laboratory. For the last ten years, Ray Marble has represented the Idaho National Laboratory in Washington DC. Before that, Ray had a distinguished career at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the Energy Research Development Agency and the U.S. House of Representatives. As a staff member, Ray worked for three Members of Congress, J. Kenneth Robinson, John "Jack" O. Marsh, and Carlton Sickles.

Ray Marble is a consummate professional who builds goodwill and trust wherever he goes. Ray is a gentleman known all over Washington for his kindness and tact. As a Washington representative of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), Ray has helped keep me, my staff, and the rest of the Idaho congressional delegation fully informed of events and issues at the lab. Ray always provides crisp, succinct information delivered with insight and perspective—and he is a pretty darn good golfer to boot. The INL will lose a great advocate and asset when Ray Marble retires.

Beyond the work relationship that many of us have with Ray, we also know him as a friend. Ray is uniquely gifted in his ability to connect with people on a personal level. He is genuinely concerned about the welfare of the people with whom he works and, in return, people around Washington are genuinely interested in him. I am proud to say that Ray has been a friend of mine over the past six

years—and I know several of my colleagues feel the same way.

I want to wish Ray and his wife Martha all of the best as they head off to North Carolina for new adventures and new challenges. I know a few rounds of golf are on Ray's to-do list and I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S MOST RECENT HYPOCRISY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pot is calling the kettle black. The Administration is chastising Newsweek magazine for a story containing a fact that turned out to be false. This is the same Administration that lied to the Congress, the United Nations and the American people by fabricating reasons to send us to war. The same Administration responsible for the death of over 1,500 American servicemen and women and countless Iraqi civilians; the same Administration which shields its highest officials from responsibility for prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay.

Under those circumstances, how can the Bush Administration, with a straight face, denounce a journalist for not checking all the facts before going public with a story?

Of course, Newsweek should have checked the facts more diligently before publishing their article. They made a big mistake. But, Mr. Speaker, we must keep this incident in perspective. Newsweek did make a mistake, but they had the dignity and honor to own up to it.

Unfortunately, I doubt the Bush Administration is capable of displaying such honesty. Instead, the Bush Administration focuses on public relations tactics to divert attention from their own incompetence and fabrications rather than focusing their energies on creating a plan to get our troops out of Iraq.

The hypocrisy of this Administration is astonishing and this most recent episode is, unfortunately, merely one example of many. Just yesterday Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said in reference to the Newsweek article, "People lost their lives. People are dead. People need to be very careful about what they say, just as they need to be very careful about what they do." "I couldn't agree more. People should be very careful about what they say and do; President Bush and his Cabinet, most of all.

Mr. Speaker, accountability and power cannot be separated. If the President accepts the duties and responsibilities of his office he must do exactly what he is asking Newsweek to do: he needs to tell Americans the truth about his own indiscretions in this tragic war.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Asphalt Pavement Association. NAPA was established on May 17, 1955.

For half a century, NAPA has worked tirelessly in representing its members and advancing new asphalt technologies to make our roads and highways last longer and safer for the motoring public. Since 1955 and over the next fifty years NAPA has pioneered groundbreaking research through its National Asphalt Pavement Research and Education Foundation that has revolutionized the manufacturing of asphalt.

NAPA and its members have also invested in America's future by helping to finance the education of future professionals in the construction industry. Through its research and education foundation, NAPA has awarded nearly 800 students with scholarships to support their undergraduate and postgraduate education.

NAPA members also sponsored the Smithsonian Institution's new transportation exhibition, America on the Move with a generous donation of \$1 million. This permanent exhibition at the National Museum of American History is designed to show how America's roads and highways transformed the nation from the 1890's to present day.

An interesting sidebar to the exhibition is the story of the genuine asphalt pavement used in one of the displays. The pavement was fabricated off-site by a NAPA member, Superior Paving Corp., Virginia, and allowed to weather before installation in the exhibit.

I also went to extend congratulations to the employees of Lehman-Roberts Company from Memphis, Tennessee. Lehman-Roberts Company was a founding member of NAPA and its current President, Richard C. Moore, Jr., is also NAPA's 2005 Chairman of the Board. Lehman-Roberts Company has deep roots in Tennessee. The company was established in 1939 and currently employs sixty people.

NAPA and its members should be very proud of its accomplishments over the last fifty years. Our road system which NAPA's members helped to build is the foundation from which our economy could not thrive without. Fifty years after the creation of the Interstate Highway System we can now say, "Mission accomplished." The Interstate Highway system has been built.

However more work needs to be done. We need to rehabilitate and reconstruct the pavements, many of which have exceeded their original design life. We also see ever-increasing congestion and mix of passenger vehicles with trucks on our roadway system that has

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led to serious safety issues and unnecessary loss of life.

Fifty years after the advent of the Interstate Highway System, it is time for us to plan a freight and highway policy that will create a new vision for the future. I know NAPA and its members will rise to this challenge and are committed to securing our nation's future for the next fifty years.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RICK HENRY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Rick Henry, an exemplary leader in music education in the state of Colorado who is retiring after over thirty years of faithfully teaching Colorado's young people how to enrich their lives with music.

Rick was born in Greeley, Colorado, raised in Longmont and graduated from Longmont High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree in Music Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

Rick subsequently taught music in the St. Vrain Valley School District in Longmont, Colorado, also in Grants, New Mexico, and at Berthoud High School in Berthoud, Colorado, before settling into his 21 year career as Director of Bands at Thompson Valley High School in Loveland, Colorado.

Under Mr. Henry's leadership, the band program received numerous Superior ratings in Concert, Jazz and Marching Band competitions. In 2004, the Thompson Valley High School Marching Band had the exciting opportunity to perform for over 500,000 people in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland.

Rick has been a member of the Greeley and Boulder, Colorado Philharmonic Orchestras and also played with the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra in Fort Collins, Colorado. He currently performs in Colorado and Southern Wyoming with the "Touch of Brass Quintet" and the "Modernaires Dance Band." Rick is an active member of Colorado Bandmasters Association, National Association for Music Education, and the International Association for Jazz Education.

Mr. Rick Henry has truly been a "Leader of the Bands" and has touched the lives of literally thousands of high school students with his unique way of inspiring and mentoring them over his many years of teaching. As Rick retires from a thirty year career, I am very proud to say that he leaves behind a rich legacy of strong music programs and inspired students—a worthy history for a fine man.

I invite my fellow colleagues in congratulating and honoring Mr. Rick Henry.

IN TRIBUTE TO NITA CORRÉ FOR HER LIFETIME OF CARING

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true visionary, whose

lifetime of caring has brought comfort to hundreds of older adults in my district. Nita Corr , longtime President of the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center, currently presides over the Jewish Home and Care Foundation. For 35 years, Nita Corr  has endeavored to envision and institute new models of care for older adults.

Nita Corr 's interest in the needs of older adults was awakened when she lived in Philadelphia, and served her husband's synagogue congregation by visiting elderly residents of nursing homes. Dismayed by the dispiriting conditions in many of these facilities, Nita Corr  reflected on the alternative models of care she had witnessed growing up in Spain. Thus began her lifetime commitment to improving the quality of care for senior citizens.

Older adults in the Fourth Congressional District have been the main beneficiaries of her commitment and passion. Beginning as a social work intern at the Milwaukee Jewish Home, she joined the professional staff in 1969 and was appointed the Home's director in 1978. Thanks to her efforts, the Milwaukee Jewish Home has become the model for elder care. Care facilities across the country have adopted many of the innovative programs she pioneered at the Milwaukee Jewish Home, which created new paradigms for supporting elders with dementia and providing companionship for elders facing the end of life.

Not only did she design these programs, Nita Corr  has been a tireless champion for their replication. She is nationally recognized as a gifted trainer, an energetic leader and a compassionate manager.

It has been said that the moral test of a society is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life—the children, those who are in the twilight of life—the elderly, and those who are in the shadows of life—the sick, the needy and the handicapped. Nita Corr 's life's work has been to attend to those in the twilight and the shadows, to shed light on their needs and find new ways to address their challenges. I am grateful to Nita Corr  for her commitment to our elders and honored to recognize her for this Lifetime of Caring.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SANTOKH SINGH TAKHAR

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor my friend, Dr. Santokh Singh Takhar. Affectionately known by many as Toki, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his 40 years of dedicated service to our community as a local veterinarian, long-time Democrat, and endearing friend to many.

Born and raised in India, Toki came to the United States as a young man through the efforts of his aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Sahi who were residents of Livingston, California. Upon arriving in Merced County, Toki began his pursuit of education as a student at Modesto Junior College. He soon after continued on to California State University—Fresno, and ultimately, University of California—Davis Veterinarian School. After years of hard work and study, Toki began his career as a veterinarian on June 6, 1963.

During a return visit to India in 1969, Toki met his wife of 35 years, Amrit Clare. They married on January 11, 1970 and have since resided in Hilmar, California. In addition to Toki's veterinarian practice, he and Amrit have become successful almond farmers on land that includes the property once owned by Toki's aunt and uncle nearly four decades ago. In addition to maintaining a successful veterinarian office and productive almond orchards, the Takhars have raised two accomplished children. Their son Clare Takhar currently resides in Turlock with his wife Amy and their daughter Sydney Clare Takhar. Clare serves as a Paramedic/Firefighter in Alameda County and Amy is a local school teacher. The Takhar's daughter Simrin Takhar has established her career with the California Association of Health Facilities.

Throughout his life, Toki has remained an active participant and supporter of Democratic politics. His passion for political involvement stems from his admiration of the late President John F. Kennedy. His commitment to his civic duty sets the standard that all Americans should strive to achieve. As he enters this new phase of his life, Toki can certainly be proud of all that he has represented and accomplished. After 40 years of dedicated work, I would like to offer him my sincerest best wishes for many years of fulfillment as he continues in life as a Democrat, a farmer, and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

It is my honor and privilege to join Toki's family and friends in recognizing his lifetime of service to the community of Hilmar and congratulate him on his retirement. Our community benefits greatly from the splendid example that he has set as a local veterinarian and distinguished member of the Hilmar community. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in offering Dr. Santokh Singh Takhar best wishes for continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CLARKSTON NEWS' 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE JAMES AND HAZEL SHERMAN FAMILY'S 50-YEAR NEWSPAPER OWNERSHIP CAREER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of The Clarkston News for the newspaper's 75 years of publication and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the James and Hazel Sherman family career as newspaper owners and publishers.

The Oakland County, Michigan, Clarkston News published its first edition on Sept. 23, 1929, just one month before the nation's historic stock market crash. James Sherman purchased The Clarkston News in 1966. It has since become the largest newspaper in the Sherman Publications Inc. Group. Published weekly since 1929, uninterrupted, The Clarkston News in the truest sense of community journalism, serves as a mirror of the community, preserving the community history and people in its pages. The paper has been recognized by numerous awards from such groups as the Michigan Press Association.